

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

Of the Fifth Regular Session of the Legislature under the Constitution of A. D. 1885, begun and held at the Capitol, in the city of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, the Second day of April, A. D. 1895, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the Legislature.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1895.

The Senate convened at 12 M., and was called to order by the Hon. W. H. Reynolds.

Secretary Finley called the roll of senators holding over, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Blitch of 21st, Fleming, Genovar, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, Perrinot, Reeves, Reynolds, Whidden and Williamson—11.

The roll of new senators was called, and the following answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Myers, McLinn, Palmer of 14th, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth and Weeks—21.

A quorum present.

The roll of the new senators was called four at a time, and the oath of office prescribed by the constitution was administered to them by Chief Justice Mabry.

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate proceed to the election of officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks placed in nomination the name of Hon. Fred. T. Myers of Leon to be the President of the Senate.

Mr. Williamson moved that Hon. Fred T. Myers be declared elected by acclamation ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the President-elect to the chair;

Which was agreed to.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Dougherty, Adams and

Broome, who performed that duty after a few eloquent and appropriate remarks by the retiring and incoming President.

Mr. Hicks put in nomination the name of T. J. Appleyard of Orange to be secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Weeks seconded the nomination.

Mr. Chipley moved that T. J. Appleyard be declared elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hicks put in nomination the names of the following persons to be the officers and attaches of the Senate for the present session, to-wit:

Assistant Secretary, D. G. McLeod of Walton.

Reading Clerk, Milton Bryan of Volusia.

Recording Clerk, J. W. Kehoe of Jackson.

Engrossing Clerk, E. Amos of Santa Rosa.

Enrolling Clerk, C. B. Ashley of Madison.

Sergeant-at-Arms, W. R. Grantham of Jefferson.

Doorkeeper, T. J. Peavy of Gadsden.

Messenger, A. D. Heming of Suwannee.

Chaplain, W. F. Norris of DeSoto.

Pages—1st, J. W. Smith; 2d, Bennie Ellis; 3d, N. T. Wiles.

Janitor, J. W. Coulter of Marion.

Mr. Broome moved that they be declared elected by acclamation;

Which was agreed to.

And they came forward and took the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, which was administered by Senator Reynolds.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules for the government of the Senate at the close of the last session be in force until rules be adopted for the present session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 10th offered the following concurrent resolution:

Concurrent Resolution No. 1:

Resolved, The House concurring, that a committee consisting of two on the part of the Senate, and three from the House, be appointed to investigate the books, records, and accounts of the Comptroller and Treasurer, and they are authorized to employ such clerical aid as will enable them to make thorough investigation;

Which went over under the rules.

Mr. Broome moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed the following as such committee, viz.:

Messrs. Broome, McKinney and McLeran, who, after an absence, appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

Mr. Daniels moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the Senate was organized and ready to receive any communication he may see proper to communicate;

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed Messrs. Daniel, Genovar and Marks, who, after a brief absence, returned to the bar of the Senate and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

A committee of three from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and announced that they were instructed by the House to inform the Senate that that body was organized and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Weeks moved that a committee of five be appointed to prepare and report standing rules for the government of the Senate at the present session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to introduce a bill;

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Darby:

Senate Bill No. 1:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of tax payers.

On motion of Mr. Hicks, 500 copies of the bill were ordered printed.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that he be allowed to introduce a bill;

Which was agreed to.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Bill No. 2:

A bill to be entitled an act to postpone the collection of taxes for the year 1894;

Which was read the first time in full.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that

Senate Bill No. 2:

An act to postpone the collection of taxes for the year 1894,

Be read a second time in full.

Pending which—

Mr. Dougherty moved that the Senate adjourn until 12 M. to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1895.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLinn, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thomas, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks, Whidden and William-son—32.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

The President announced the following as the standing committees of the body:

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Standing Committees.

On Judiciary.

Senator HARTRIDGE,

Senators PERRENOT,
HICKS,

PALMER of 11th,
PHIPPS.

On Education.

Senator REEVES.

Senators ADAMS,
CHIPLEY,

BLITCH of 20th,
REYNOLDS.

On Finance and Taxation.

Senator CHIPLEY,

Senators DANIEL,
ADAMS,

REYNOLDS,
THOMPSON.